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POLAND: Jaruzelski Proposal Endorsed

The Politburo on Tuesday endorsed party leader Jaruzelski's proposal for a Front of National Accord, an indication that it is willing to support his efforts to find a political solution to the country's problems. [REDACTED]

The endorsement, however, does not go beyond Jaruzelski's previous references to the Front and does not indicate how such a body would be created or what its powers would be. Jaruzelski recently told the Politburo that Poland can only be governed with the support of the people and that, if this can be accomplished only by a coalition of power centers, then it must be accepted. [REDACTED]

Solidarity and regime leaders have emphasized the need for some form of institutionalized cooperation, although the union believes Jaruzelski's plan is too limited in scope. Solidarity has proposed that the two sides discuss such cooperation--among other topics--during negotiations to be held soon. The regime has not yet replied to Solidarity's proposal that they meet tomorrow to draw up an agenda for the talks. [REDACTED]

Solidarity leader Walesa has been touring southern Poland urging workers to forgo strikes and to seek compromises with the regime. He has met with some workers now on strike, but it is not clear whether he has asked them to return to work. The current level of strike activity, however, seems unlikely to endanger the talks. [REDACTED]

For the first time since the Communist regime came to power, the official media and some leading politicians yesterday commemorated the country's reemergence as an independent republic in 1918--an indicator of the changed climate in Poland over the past year. [REDACTED]

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